



AGILITY COMMITTEE

POLICY & PROCEDURES

-Events

**Agility procedure and policy not otherwise documented in NZKC Agility Regulations
or Show Regulations**

updated January 2016

Contents

| | |
|--|---|
| Introduction | 3 |
| <i>Compliance</i> | 3 |
| EVENTS..... | 4 |
| <i>Conventions.</i> | 4 |
| <i>Levies</i> | 4 |
| <i>Submission of RESULTS.</i> | 5 |
| <i>Running AD and ADX Advanced Trials</i> | 5 |
| POLICY ON ELEMENTARY AGILITY CLASSES | 6 |
| EVENT AREA. | 7 |

Introduction

This Policy and Procedure handbook has been created to provide NZ Agility clubs ,competitors and personnel, with information related to Agility matters.

It is the intention that all matters not otherwise provided for in AGILITY Regulations or other NZKC rules/regulations be provided for in this handbook.

Compliance

These policies and procedures have been developed over the years as a result of the experience of many people and clubs, and have been determined to be the best practice available at the time. They will be improved and updated from time to time.

With this in mind, it is the intention that all clubs and individuals comply with the policies and procedures outlined.

Deviation from these policies and procedures is not advisable. If any person/group think the policy or procedure is inappropriate or needs to be changed/updated they must consult the Agility Committee first.

NZKC Agility Committee Contacts

For any further information, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Agility Committee.

Details can be found on **www.dogagility.org.nz**

EVENTS.

Conventions.

Over the years there are a number of conventions that occur in agility which may not be regulated but are (effectively) common law. Most of these relate to sportsmanship and being courteous to others at competitions.

Walking the Course.

This is done once only. If someone misses out on walking the course, whoever they are and whatever they have been doing, they are not allowed to walk it after the class has begun.

Running Orders.

Running orders are randomised and competitors should make every attempt to run in order.

If a competitor is running first they should make every attempt to be ready once course walk has finished.

If you change running orders when you have multiple dogs running in a class the original order for those dogs must be maintained.

Scribe sheets.

It is recommended that competitors do not prefill their own scribe sheets with their details prior to their runs. Scribe sheets should only be written on and handled by the scribe and those volunteers that are running the event.

Levies

Levies are payable on all Championship and Open events., as well as all AD and ADX Advanced Trials run regardless of whether they are run at Championship or Open Agility Events or at Agility Ribbon Trials.

Procedure.

Levy amounts are set by the Agility committee

Levies are payable BEFORE the event.

A Levy form is downloadable from the website.

Submission of RESULTS.

Clubs are required to submit all championship results to the Agility Committee website. This includes all AD and ADXA trials, even when held at ribbon events.

Running AD and ADX Advanced Trials

Policy AD and ADXA trials are run by clubs. There are a limited number allocated per Zone.

Procedure.

The NZKC Agility Committee allocates AD and ADXA trials to clubs.

The aim is to allocate the trails evenly across a year and fairly across clubs within a Zone.

The running such trials is delegated to the clubs that have had trials approved on the calendar.

Club secretaries are responsible for arranging, signing and issuing certificates and for the provision of any Top Qualifier sashes required.

All entry money collected for the running of the AD and ADX Advanced Trials is retained by the club running the Trial, with the exception of the NZKC Agility Committee levy.

The cost of entry to an AD or ADX advanced class is set by the Agility Committee. The cost is \$5

Choosing a course – where there are unique problems such as an unusual ring layout or lack of equipment the selection of the course can be made based on these restrictions.

Fault and out – Clubs may decide that a faulted dog is to leave the course if one or more mistakes are incurred.

Policy on Elementary Agility Classes

Elementary is designed as an introductory level of competition in Agility. The ultimate goal of elementary is to attract newcomers to the competitive side of agility.

There are two levels of Elementary classes which clubs may run. These are known as Elementary A (Advanced) and Elementary B (Beginner) respectively.

Procedure.

Clubs are responsible for advertising Elementary by way of flyers, NZKC publications and website, or included with other details in Championship Event schedules. Elementary classes are compulsory at Agility Ribbon competitions, and optional at Championship Events.

The regulations contain information on:-

1. eligibility
2. Who may judge elementary
3. What courses may be used. There are 12 standard courses for use by non-panel judges.
4. What equipment may be used
5. What height jumps are to be used.

It is up to the club on the day to specify whether there is a jump height reduction for Elementary dogs.

All other regulations including judging, scoring, age of dogs, heights of dogs etc will be as per NZKC Agility regulations.

Event area.

Policy.

The regulations outline expectations pertaining to the event area, ring size, provision of assembly areas.

- The event area must measure not less than 40m x 30m. Event organisers may apply to the NZKC Agility Committee for an exemption to the minimum ring size should the physical characteristics of their venue so require.
- non-slip surface,
- the ring must be demarcated by a rope or fence which must be off the ground on all 4 sides with two separate gateways provided through which the dogs are to enter and exit.
- The integrity of the ringrope must be maintained through the duration of each class.
- Assembly area must be set up along one whole side (or end) of each ring. The assembly area must be 3-5m wide, roped or fenced off and will be used to accommodate the dog which has just run the course as well as the next dog to start. Food and toys will be permitted in the assembly area.
- Personnel and equipment that pertain to the running of any class may be located within the assembly area, but must be located in such position so as to not impede upon the entry and exit of the dog to and from the assembly area.
- A Dog must be on lead when it enters the assembly area prior to its run and must also be on lead prior to exiting the assembly area at the completion of its run.
- It is the responsibility of the Event Management to ensure that leads are available to the handler at the completion of their run.